

**CBS NEWS POLL**

**The Plame Leak, The Bush Admin., and the Supreme Court  
October 30-November 1, 2005**

q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
	*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Oct05a
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	35	77	11	31	37
Disapprove	57	19	83	56	58
DK/NA	8	4	6	13	5

q2 Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	27	56	9	25	26
Wrong track	68	38	88	68	69
DK/NA	5	6	3	7	5

q3 What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

War in Iraq	21	10	29	20	18
Economy / jobs	17	15	15	18	16
Terrorism (general)	5	9	2	5	4
Gas/Heating Oil Crisis	4	3	5	3	5
Health Care	4	5	4	4	2
Education	4	4	5	3	3
The President/G.W. Bush	4	1	7	4	5
Moral Values/Family Values	4	8	1	4	3
Poverty/Homelessness	3	4	3	3	3
Defense/Military	2	1	2	1	2
Attn. to Domestic affairs	2	0	5	1	3
Politicians/Government	2	3	2	2	1
Religious Values	2	4	1	2	1
Other	21	29	13	26	27
DK/NA	5	4	6	4	7

q4 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?

Approve	34	69	14	30	32
Disapprove	55	23	79	54	61
DK/NA	11	8	7	16	7

q5 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?

Approve	32	70	10	30	32
Disapprove	62	24	88	63	64
DK/NA	6	6	2	7	4

q6 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the campaign against terrorism?

\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*

	*** Party ID ***				Oct05a
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	47	83	21	48	46
Disapprove	46	14	73	41	46
DK/NA	7	3	6	11	8

q7 Do you think George W. Bush has strong qualities of leadership, or not?

Has	49	81	26	49	45
Does not have	47	16	71	45	52
DK/NA	4	3	3	6	3

q8 Do you have confidence that George W. Bush will nominate good justices to the Supreme Court, or are you uneasy about who he will choose?

Confidence	38	73	12	40
Uneasy	54	22	79	50
DK/NA	8	5	9	10

q9 Do you think George W. Bush has more honesty and integrity than most people in public life? IF NO, ASK: Do you think George W. Bush has less honesty and integrity than most people in public life or about the same honesty and integrity as most people in public life?

\*\* HALF SAMPLE A \*\*

	*** Party ID ***				Jul04d^
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes, has more	39	76	15	41	39
Less	29	1	57	19	25
Same	27	19	25	32	27
DK/NA	5	4	3	8	9

^Trend is among registered voters.

q10 Do you think most members of the Bush Administration have more honesty and integrity than most people in public life? IF NO, ASK: Do you think most members of the Bush Administration have less honesty and integrity than most people in public life or about the same honesty and integrity as most people in public life?

\*\* HALF SAMPLE B \*\*

Yes, have more	20	43	9	13
Less	31	9	46	33
Same	35	33	37	34
DK/NA	14	15	8	20

q11 How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*

\*\*\* Party ID \*\*\*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Oct05a
	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	3	10	0	2	4
Fairly good	44	67	33	40	39
Fairly bad	35	13	40	44	37
Very bad	16	6	26	13	18
DK/NA	2	4	1	1	2

q12 Do you think the economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

Better	16	25	8	16	10
Worse	40	18	57	37	54
Same	44	56	34	45	34
DK/NA	0	1	1	2	2

q13 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

Approve	34	35	30	36	31
Disapprove	53	49	59	50	57
DK/NA	13	16	11	14	12

q14 Is your opinion of the Democrats in Congress favorable or not favorable?

Favorable	41	22	62	33	43
Not favorable	45	67	29	47	46
DK/NA	14	11	9	20	11

q15 Is your opinion of the Republicans in Congress favorable or not favorable?

Favorable	35	71	14	33	37
Not favorable	53	20	81	49	53
DK/NA	12	9	5	18	10

q16 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

q17 Do you think the result of the war with Iraq was worth the loss of American life and other costs of attacking Iraq, or not?

Worth it	31	65	11	29	32
Not worth it	64	29	86	65	64
DK/NA	5	6	3	6	5

q18 Is your opinion of George W. Bush favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about George W. Bush yet to have an opinion?

					Jan05b
Favorable	33	76	9	28	44
Not favorable	51	14	79	48	40
Undecided	12	8	9	16	14
Haven't heard enough	3	2	2	5	2
Refused	1	0	1	3	0

q19 Is your opinion of Dick Cheney favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Dick Cheney yet to have an opinion?

\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*

\*\*\* Party ID \*\*\*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan05b
	%	%	%	%	%
Favorable	19	45	5	16	28
Not favorable	44	14	67	41	33
Undecided	15	25	8	16	16
Haven't heard enough	21	15	19	25	22
Refused	1	1	1	2	1

q20 Is your opinion of Karl Rove favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Karl Rove yet to have an opinion?

					Jul05b
Favorable	7	16	1	6	8
Not favorable	25	9	35	25	16
Undecided	21	27	16	21	17
Haven't heard enough	47	47	47	46	58
Refused	0	1	1	2	1

q21 Is your opinion of Condoleeza Rice favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Condoleeza Rice yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	41	71	26	37
Not favorable	19	3	32	16
Undecided	24	15	26	26
Haven't heard enough	16	10	15	20
Refused	0	1	1	1

q22 Is your opinion of Lewis "Scooter" Libby favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Lewis "Scooter" Libby yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	4	4	4	3
Not favorable	25	14	33	25
Undecided	21	31	14	20
Haven't heard enough	50	51	49	50
Refused	0	0	0	2

q23 Do you think evangelical Christians have too much influence, too little influence, or the right amount of influence on George W. Bush's decisions?

					Nov04a
Too much	34	15	44	36	31
Too little	14	10	17	14	12
Right amount	25	50	13	21	35
No influence (Vol.)	4	7	2	5	3
DK/NA	23	18	24	24	19

q24 How much have you heard or read about the special investigation into the possible leak of an undercover CIA officer's identity to reporters in 2003? Would you say you have heard or read a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **					
*** Party ID ***					
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul05b
	%	%	%	%	%
A lot	27	28	28	25	19
Some	37	37	38	37	35
Not much	22	22	19	24	22
Nothing	14	12	15	14	23
DK/NA	0	1	0	0	1

q25 A special prosecutor has been investigating whether a crime was committed when a CIA officer's identity was revealed to reporters. How important do you think the matter is to the nation -- of great importance, some importance, or very little importance?

Great importance	51	40	61	49	41^
Some importance	35	43	31	33	39
Very little importance	12	17	6	15	15
No importance (vol.)	0	0	0	0	1
DK/NA	2	0	2	3	4

^Varied wording: There is currently a grand jury investigating whether a crime was committed when a CIA officer's identity was revealed to reporters. How important do you think the matter is to the nation ... ?

q26 Do you think this investigation is a very serious matter involving the honesty of the Bush Administration, or do you think it is mostly politics?

Serious matter	43	18	61	42
Mostly politics	51	76	34	52
DK/NA	6	6	5	6

q27 Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's former Chief of Staff, has been indicted on five felony charges of lying to investigators and misleading the grand jury in the CIA leak case. From what you've heard or read, do you think the charges are probably true, or probably not true, or don't you know enough about it yet to say?

Probably true	39	21	50	40
Probably not true	4	9	1	4
Don't know enough yet	54	67	48	53
DK/NA	3	3	1	3

q28-q30 BLANK

q31 Do you think anything that Lewis "Scooter" Libby may have done is serious enough to deserve criminal prosecution, or not serious enough?

Serious, deserves prosecution	61	45	73	61
Not serious enough	14	25	7	13
DK/NA	25	30	20	26

q32 Based on what you've heard or read, do you think Karl Rove, George W. Bush's Deputy Chief of Staff, personally did anything wrong in this matter?  
 IF YES, ASK: Do you think Rove's activities were unethical or illegal?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **			
	Total	*** Party ID ***		
	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%
Yes, unethical	14	6	16	16
Yes, illegal	8	2	15	7
Yes/don't know if illegal(vol.)	1	1	3	0
Yes/illegal & unethical (vol.)	7	3	10	6
No, nothing wrong	19	31	13	18
DK/NA	51	57	43	53

q33 Do you think anything that Karl Rove may have done is serious enough to deserve criminal prosecution, or not serious enough?

Serious, deserves prosecution	36	18	46	38
Not serious enough	24	36	19	22
DK/NA	40	46	35	40

q34 BLANK

q35 Do you think someone in the Bush Administration was responsible for leaking the CIA officer's identity to reporters, or not?

	Jul05b				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	%
Yes	62	40	80	59	52
No	14	23	6	15	21
DK/NA	24	37	14	26	27

q36 Do you think George W. Bush's nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court have been more conservative than you would like, not conservative enough, or about right?

	Oct05a^				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	%
More conservative	30	7	46	31	30
Not conservative enough	16	16	19	14	16
About right	45	72	28	43	42
DK/NA	9	5	7	12	12

^Varied wording: As President, George W. Bush may appoint several justices to the United States Supreme Court. Do you think his nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court will be more conservative than you would like, not conservative enough, or about right?

q37 When the Senate votes on a Supreme Court nominee, should it consider only that person's legal qualifications and background, or along with legal background, should the Senate also consider how that nominee might vote on major issues the Supreme Court decides?

	Sep05b				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	%
Legal	35	46	25	37	36
Issues too	54	44	64	53	54
DK/NA	11	10	11	10	10

q38 Is your opinion of Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito favorable, not favorable, undecided or haven't you heard enough about Samuel Alito yet to have an opinion?

\*\* PARTIAL SAMPLE \*\*  
 \*\*\* 10/31 - 11/1/2005 \*\*\*  
 \*\*\* Party ID \*\*\*\*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Favorable	11	26	2	11
Not favorable	7	1	11	6
Undecided	16	14	17	16
Haven't heard enough	65	59	69	65
Refused	1	0	1	2

q39 What do you think right now? Should the Senate vote to confirm Samuel Alito as a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, or vote against Alito, or can't you say?

\*\* PARTIAL SAMPLE \*\*  
 \*\*\* 10/31 - 11/1/2005 \*\*\*

Vote to confirm	15	31	5	14
Vote against	7	0	12	7
Can't say	75	67	81	73
DK/NA	3	2	2	6

q40 BLANK

q41 Do you think it is sometimes justified to lie or do you think lying is never justified?

\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*

					Aug98b
					%
Sometimes	15	14	17	15	24
Never	78	78	76	79	69
Depends (vol.)	6	7	7	4	5
DK/NA	1	1	0	2	2

q42 Looking back, do you think the United States did the right thing in taking military action against Iraq, or should the U.S. have stayed out?

Oct05a

Right thing	42	74	21	42	41
Stayed out	50	21	74	48	55
DK/NA	8	5	5	10	3

q43 How would you say things are going for the U.S. in its efforts to bring stability and order to Iraq? Would you say things are going very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

Very well	4	10	1	3	4
Somewhat well	36	58	21	36	39
Somewhat badly	31	24	38	29	27
Very badly	26	7	37	27	28
DK/NA	3	1	3	5	2

q44 Which of these do you think is most likely? 1. Iraq will become a stable democracy in the next year or two. 2. Iraq will become a stable democracy, but it will take longer than a year or two. 3. Iraq will probably never become a stable democracy.

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **					
*** Party ID ***					
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Oct05a
	%	%	%	%	%
Will in the next year or two	3	6	2	3	4
Will, but will take longer	46	61	35	48	45
Will never become democracy	48	30	62	47	49
DK/NA	3	3	1	2	2

q45 Before the war with Iraq, when talking about what they knew about the existence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, do you think the members of the Bush Administration were telling everything they knew, most of what they knew, hiding important elements of what they knew, or mostly lying?

	Jan05b				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	%
Telling everything	6	16	1	4	8
Most of what they knew	26	52	14	21	29
Hiding important elements	38	20	43	43	36
Mostly lying	26	5	39	27	23
DK/NA	4	7	3	5	4

q46 Should the United States troops stay in Iraq as long as it takes to make sure Iraq is a stable democracy, even if it takes a long time, or should U.S. troops leave Iraq as soon as possible, even if Iraq is not completely stable?

	Oct05a				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	%
Stay as long as it takes	43	68	30	39	36
Leave as soon as possible	50	26	66	51	59
Don't know/No answer	7	6	4	10	5

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	936	
Total Republicans	259	223
Total Democrats	326	326
Total Independents	351	388
Half Sample A	456	455
Half Sample B	480	481
Partial Sample	585	565